

Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas is yet another example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

Localism is not served when a corporate headquarters decides to provide one side in local elections a louder voice than others. During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate -- not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard. Thank you.

If the antics of Pappas and Sinclair during this campaign season don't convince you that the FCC needs to stop the media monopolies then I don't know why taxpayer should continue to fund the FCC. This type of abuse of the airwaves stands to really hurt our country--much more so than Janet Jackson or Howard Stern ever could. Get your priorities straight and start protecting the people of this country.